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VAN RIEBEECK FESTIVAL, 1952

In the first three months of 1952, and up till Commemoration Day on April 6th, there will be staged in Cape Town—and to a smaller extent in other centres in South Africa—an impressive programme of cultural activities. In these the South African Library will be taking its share. Some of the historic paintings in the Library will be on display in the exhibitions of art; the Library is responsible for the section of the Union Education Department's exhibit at the Festival Fair, displaying to the general public the landmarks in South African library history, and the educational function of the country's library services to-day. But the Library's chief contribution will be an extensive exhibition in the Library itself, organised by the Trustees and the Culture sub-committee of the Festival in partnership, and illustrating through carefully selected books, maps and atlases, the development of a number of aspects of South African life during the past three hundred years.

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There will be roughly a thousand exhibits, arranged in ten or eleven sections, each in charge of an authority on the subject concerned. Sections already decided upon include: Maps and atlases from earliest times; early travel books; inland exploration; development of botanical research and flower-books; South African fauna; the Dutch book in South Africa; the development of Afrikaans language and literature; the growth of English South African literature; achievements in Bantu literature; and the development of the South African Press from its beginnings until 1900. The exhibition will give the general public an opportunity of seeing many of the rarest and most important books relating to South Africa, and will remain open from March 1st until the close of the Festival on April 5th. It is hoped to arrange talks and lectures on different aspects of the Exhibition, in both official languages.

For those who are able to visit the Exhibition as well as for those who are not, indeed for all who want both guidance and a permanent record, the Organising Committee is preparing a substantial bilingual catalogue of the exhibits, which will be available on sale.

This will contain short annotations for each exhibit, and each section will have a brief introduction written by an authority on the subject. A number of illustrations reproducing exhibits of special interest will also be included, and it is hoped that even when the Exhibition has been dismantled, the catalogue will serve as a reliable and popular guide to the basic sources of Africana.

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In addition to the Exhibition Catalogue the Organising Committee is preparing for publication a facsimile edition and English translation of the rare pamphlet, *Klare ende Korte Besgryvinge van het Land aan Cabo de Boa Esperanca* (Amsterdam, 1652), of which the only copy in South Africa is to be found in the Fairbridge Collection of the South African Library. This black-letter guide-book to the Cape was compiled by Jodocus Hondius, grandson of the famous cartographer, and consists of a compendium of travel accounts from authorities such as Linschoten, Houtman, Matelief and the survivors of the wreck of the *Haarlem*. It was transcribed in *Het Zuid Afrikaansche Tijdschrift* for 1880 by G. M. Theal, who says of it that it contains all that was known of South Africa in the year of the first European settlement. This will be the first English translation, and the volume will contain three illustrations taken from the original, and a reproduction of the famous *Pas-Kaarte*, one of the earliest Dutch maps of the Cape coast, which also bears a printed account of the departure from the Texel of Van Riebeeck and his fleet for the Cape, in December, 1651. Professor P. Serton of the University of Stellenbosch is contributing a short introduction, and the work will be printed in an edition of 1,000 copies on paper similar to the original, and in a suitable binding. The book will probably sell at a guinea a copy.

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The South African Library has also played its part in the fulfilment of another large-scale Tercentenary project: the publication of a definitive edition and English translation of the Journal of Jan van Riebeeck, covering the years 1652-1662, when the Commander left the Cape for Batavia. The Journal will be published in two sets—one set of three volumes comprising the original seventeenth century Nederlands text, and the other, also of three volumes, comprising the English translation, which is being separately published. The first volume in each will be ready for distribution by the time of the Festival. Previous attempts have been made to produce reading versions of this basic historical document, but none of them have been complete, and the English translation will be the first to reproduce the Journal in its entirety. It is expected that there will be a heavy demand for the Journal, which will sell at £5 for each set of three volumes.

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The chief contributors to this number of the *Bulletin* are Mr. A. C. G. Lloyd, Librarian of the South African Library from 1909 until 1938, and formerly private secretary to J. X. Merriman, whose private and political papers are preserved in the National Library; and Mr. Ralph Kilpin, formerly Clerk of the House of Assembly, who is the leading authority on parliamentary procedure in South Africa, and whose father, Sir Ernest Kilpin, was Chief Secretary to the National Convention of 1908-9. The period dealt with by both writers is the same: the years during which the instrument of Union was forged. The important journal reviewed by Mr. Kilpin—the Convention Diary kept during its proceedings by the late Senator F. S. Malan—forms a link between these two widely differing and authoritative contributions.

SECRETS OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

At the first meeting of the South African National Convention held in Durban on the 12th October, 1908, Mr. Merriman moved:

"That the proceedings of the Convention shall be absolutely secret; that no records of any speeches be made; but that records of all resolutions, proposals and amendments and of any divisions thereon be kept."

This motion was unanimously agreed to and, at the end of the session held in Cape Town, Mr. Merriman made the drastic proposal that the minutes be burned! Fortunately this motion was not agreed to, and when the first Union Parliament met in 1910 the Prime Minister moved, seconded by Mr. Merriman, that the minutes be printed and published.

By this time Mr. Merriman had come to the conclusion that the publication of the minutes was necessary to contradict wild rumours as to what had taken place at the Convention and, after Col. Creswell had cynically asked whether the minutes would include the large number of "honourable understandings" arrived at, the motion was adopted.

These minutes, like all official minutes, consist of bare statements of what was done. Even historians find them difficult to follow and most people find them "as dull as ditch-water." But happily for historians and the general reader there were two members of the Convention who were professional journalists and who could not resist the urge to make full notes for their own information.

One was Sir Edgar Walton, the proprietor of the "Eastern Province Herald" and a close friend of Dr. Jameson; and the other was F. S. Malan who had been the editor of "Ons Land" and was a staunch supporter of "Onze Jan" in the Merriman Cabinet.

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Sir Edgar Walton made his notes during the sittings of the Convention and when the House of Assembly agreed to the publication of the minutes he had no hesitation in submitting his manuscript to Lord de Villiers, who had been president of the Convention, and asking him whether he had any objection to its publication. The result was the publication of "The Inner History of the National Convention" a year after the official minutes had been published.

Walton in his book, while summarizing many speeches, aimed at giving an outline of the broad, outstanding questions of principle which the Convention dealt with in their order of importance. In addition he outlined the historical background of each question and quite often referred to "honourable understandings."

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F. S. Malan's contribution to the history of the Convention* is made in a different way. He had learnt to write shorthand when he was undergoing a term of imprisonment as editor of "Ons Land" during the Boer War and, judging from the accuracy of what he has recorded, he probably made shorthand notes of what transpired during the sittings of the Convention. But like Samuel Pepys he always kept a diary, and all that is known for certain is that each day before going to bed he wrote down his recollections in his diary.

Until quite recently nobody knew that he had kept the diary or that he had handed it over to the Cape Archives. In debates he often referred to Walton's book with approval but, taking a stern view of the Convention resolution that the proceedings should be "absolutely secret," he never referred to the notes he had himself made.

After Malan's death, however, his executors wisely took the view that more good than harm would be done in allowing the diary to be published—for after all there are now practically no important "secrets" of the Convention which have not been revealed in the biographies and letters of such men as Lord de Villiers, Hertzog, Merriman and Schreiner. The confidential letter from Selborne to de Villiers on the native question, for instance, which is referred to in Malan's diary and was quoted in Parliament as a startling disclosure, was not only referred to by Walton at some length (pp. 130-2) but was printed in full and commented upon in Walker's "Lord de Villiers and his times" (pp. 446-8).

It must have been realised, moreover, that the publication of the diary would serve a very useful purpose since, being in the form of daily notes, it supplements the daily proceedings of the Convention in just the same way as

* "Die Konvensie-Dagboek van F. S. Malan," edited by J. F. Preller and translated by A. J. de Villiers (Van Riebeeck Society Publication No. 32). viii, 276 p. 1951. 20/- (15/- to members of the Society).

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While the diary does not add much to what has been written on the major issues before the Convention, it does give for the first time the whole of the speech made by F. S. Malan when in the early stages of the Convention he held every member on tenterhooks as to the attitude he and the Afrikaner Bond were going to take up on the vital question of "federation or unification." Gys Hofmeyr, who was Clerk of the House and had been a secretary of the Convention, wrote in a memorandum to Walton's book that it was a "grand speech" and one can now better understand the feeling of relief shared by most delegates when, with a supreme effort, Malan renounced his desire for federation and threw in his lot with Merriman and those who stood for unification.

On two other highly controversial issues the diary is of importance.

In recording the speeches of delegates on the "entrenched sections" Malan shows that he, at least, understood that future legislation dealing with the native and coloured franchise could and might be "tested" in the Supreme Court (pp. 139-141).

And in dealing with the question of whether Cape Town or Pretoria or some other place should be the capital of the Union he bears out what Walton had written on the Transvaal "shaking its money bags in the faces of the Cape delegates." He corroborates the fact that there might have been no Union had it not been for Merriman's tactful suggestion that there should be no capital but a "seat of administration" in Pretoria and a "seat of Parliament in Cape Town"; and he also records, without comment, that Moor, speaking for Natal, regarded this compromise as an "honourable understanding" but that Fischer and Hertzog had no desire to have any such understandings.

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On what took place on matters which were not considered to be of major importance the diary is of the greatest value, for it summarizes many arguments affecting the Judiciary, the Provinces, and the native territories that are not to be found elsewhere.

The pages devoted to Provincial Councils are particularly interesting and afford an explanation of why section 85 of the South Africa Act, which deals with the powers of Provincial Councils, has been altered either directly or by implication more than any other section of the Act.

Sidelights are thrown on the characters of many delegates in these disputes;

and there is an unexpected entry (p. 153) which shows that F. S. Malan realized that the British government would seek the approval of the House of Commons before handing over the native territories to the Union although no such provision is made in section 151 of the South Africa Act.

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The last entry made in the diary is: "May God crown the work of this Conference with His blessing." The entry seems to justify the doubts Creswell had in mind when he asked whether the minutes of the Convention would include "honourable understandings", but so far as F. S. Malan was concerned there need have been no doubts in anybody's mind for he solemnly observed these understandings in every way.

In 1914, for instance, when the question of proportional representation was before the House of Assembly, he said he thought it unwise to introduce the subject so soon after the Act of Union had been agreed to by the Convention, and he never once referred to the sympathetic views towards the system which he had expressed at the Convention when that system was rejected.

Again, during the same session, when it was proposed that the preamble of the Act of Union should be altered so as to include a reference to the "guidance and blessing of Almighty God," he never mentioned the fact that at the Convention he had fought to the last ditch to get such a provision inserted; or that (although the official minutes do not disclose the fact) his proposal was defeated on a division by 16 votes to 13. All he did say was that he deplored the omission by the Convention and begged members not to try to change an accomplished fact.

Later on, in 1931, when he was a Senator and a motion came before the Senate to preserve the sanctity of the "entrenched sections" of the Act of Union he said: "We reaffirm the trust we reposed in one another when we agreed to go into Union. It seems to me that the re-affirmation of the constitution is more solemn and more binding than any legislative enactment could be."

And still later, in 1936, at the joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament on the bill to remove natives from the common roll of voters, he stressed the "honourable understanding" of the Convention that unless the natives behaved in such a way that they should forfeit their rights of citizenship they would not be interfered with.

On the third reading of this bill he showed how he thought "honourable understandings" should be observed, and crossed the floor of the House to vote with J. H. Hofmeyr in a minority of eleven.

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SOME MEMORIES OF A PRIVATE SECRETARY

On the morning of the 3rd February, 1908, a hansom cab drew up at the Old Magistrate's Court in Caledon Square bringing a note desiring me to pay an immediate call on Sir John Graham, Secretary to the Law Department. Wondering whose toes I had been stepping on I obeyed the instruction, and in some trepidation as to what charges I might have to face, I got into the cab and was swiftly conveyed to Wale Street by the Malay driver. Arrived at Sir John's office I was told that Mr. Merriman had assumed office as Prime Minister and had asked Sir John to find him a private secretary. I was taken to the Treasury in the Old Supreme Court building and introduced and put through a thorough cross-examination as to my education, experience and general background. Then John X. said he would try me for a week to see how we got on, and I was immediately set to work on arranging the papers connected with a new mail contract which was being arranged with the Union-Castle Line on behalf of the four Colonies and Rhodesia. I got through the day safely but next morning I was roundly abused for something I had, or had not, done and had flared up in reply. I left Mr. Merriman's room convinced that I would not last out my week. However, I was comforted by Harry Currey, who had himself been secretary to Merriman before being passed on to Cecil Rhodes. Currey told me that I had done the best thing possible, for John X. liked people to stand up to him. At the week-end I was taken to Schoongezicht to be vetted by Mrs. Merriman, and, having passed the test, was from then on treated like a son in the house, and a happy association was begun which lasted until Merriman's death 18 years later.

Once at Schoongezicht Merriman would cast off the cares of office and exhibit all the high spirits of a schoolboy on holiday. On Sunday morning we would ride over the hill to see Mr. Sauer or walk down the 'happy valley' to call on Sir Thomas Smartt at Glenban. Whatever hard verbal thwacks they had bestowed on each other in the House of Assembly during the week, nothing disturbed their personal friendship or appreciation of each other's qualities. On these rides Merriman would mount me on his tallest horse and himself ride a Basuto pony with long legs almost trailing the ground. In the evening, before dinner, the household would assemble, and John X. would read the psalms and lessons for the day and a few short collects and prayers in that beautiful voice of his which never sounded better than when he was reading the Bible, or reciting the *Poems and Ballads* of Swinburne. I am sure if a schoolmaster had set him an imposition of a thousand lines he could have done them from memory from Virgil, Horace and even from the *Pharsalia* of Lucan. From this last he suggested the lines which appear on the tombstone of the first Lord de Villiers. When he was eighty he recited the whole

of *Atalanta in Calydon* to me while out for a walk. The Latin Anthology was always on a stool beside his chair and never a day passed but something would be read from it. He would rise early on Monday morning to get back to the Treasury betimes, but, however early it was, he first picked large bunches of primroses and violets, when in season, which he would present to the young ladies at the South African Library with the words, "Picked, it is no breach of confidence to say, by my own fair hand".

In March we set off for a tour of the Eastern Province. Our starting point was to be Queenstown but to get there we took the mailboat to East London. Merriman loved the sea, as he had done since going to school by sailing vessel, and would always go a longer way round by ship in preference to a shorter train journey. He, like General Botha, was an excellent deck quoit player and almost invariably won the competitions for which he entered. We arrived at Queenstown to find that Sir Gordon Sprigg's brother had just been tarred and feathered by members of the Queenstown Volunteers. Merriman stayed with Dr. Batchelor whose two daughters were being courted by a couple of young engineers engaged on building the Aliwal North line. One, Theo. Watermeyer, was to become General Manager of the Union Railways; the other, Sparrow, became president of one of the largest railway systems in the United States. I had arranged for a Cape cart and four fast-trotting mules to take us on the next stage of our journey to Fort Beaufort. I purchased a case of whisky and secured it at the back of the cart. This was to make trouble for me as will be seen. Our first halt was at Kama-stone, where a big indaba was held with the Natives to hear their grievances. The campaign for the Assembly elections was going on, and that night, which we were to spend with the local Field Cornet, news overtook us that W. P. Schreiner and Tom Searle, the independent candidates for Queenstown, were following on behind. Both were staunch teetotallers. "You damned fool" said Merriman, "why didn't you put the whisky into a condensed-milk case?" and he ordered me to give the precious dozen to the Field Cornet. However, I was beginning to know John X. by this time and the intended beneficiary only got eleven bottles; the twelfth I secretly decanted into some mineral water bottles.

Next morning we set out for the village of Hertzog by way of the Katberg Pass. After nearly ten hours' driving we found ourselves hopelessly lost and very hungry. We managed to find the mission station of Philipton but everyone had gone to Hertzog to hear Merriman speak. I entered the Missionary's house, found a loaf of bread and brought out the hidden whisky which we drank out of Mrs. Merriman's soap dish. "So you have some sense after all," was Merriman's comment. Soon afterwards a commando which had come to search found us and our troubles were over. We stayed the night at the beautiful thatched Pastorie of the Rev. Abraham

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Faure—that best of men. Before sitting down to a resplendent supper Mr. Faure offered a very long prayer in Afrikaans for Mr. and Mrs. Merriman, and I remember feeling very disappointed that I was not included. However, he made up for it in the morning and I got a prayer all to myself. Next day we set off for Fort Beaufort, crossing a very swollen Kat River. John X. pointed out to me the little street-side streams on which he had seen young subalterns sail small blocks of wood in the days of the Kaffir Wars and betting large sums on the results of the races. After visiting Lovedale and Alice, where a native had just bitten off the nose of the assistant magistrate, we got into a railway engineer's coach which had been sent from Uitenhage for us. Outside it looked like a cattle truck; indeed I overheard some farmers at a wayside station saying that it was a shame that the Prime Minister had to travel so. Inside there was every comfort, sitting room, bathroom, and above all, Redelinghuys, a bearded little coloured man who was a truly excellent cook, to look after us. One evening he came into the sitting room and asked Merriman if he might say a few words. Given permission he made a most eloquent little speech on the needs of the coloured people and on politics as he saw them.

After a short visit to Merriman's mother in Grahamstown we went on to Port Elizabeth where a visit to the Agricultural Show had been made the pretext and cover for preliminary talks with General Smuts about the steps to be taken towards uniting South Africa. We lent our 'cattle truck' to the General for his return journey to Pretoria, and I explained to Redelinghuys what an honour it was for him to have the care of our distinguished visitor and bade him do his best for the General's comfort. Arrived at Bloemfontein Redelinghuys was determined that there should be absolutely new-laid eggs for breakfast and hurried to get them. Unfortunately the guard had not seen him leave the coach and the train went off without him. There was no communication with the rest of the train and General Smuts and Captain Lane had to forage for and cook their own food.

Back in Cape Town I was instructed to find out what the cost of hauling our cattle truck had been so that Merriman might send his cheque to the Railways. If he had made a single political speech on his journeys he never allowed them to be a charge on the taxpayer. The biggest dressing down I ever got was on one of our visits to Grahamstown when he noticed that I did not give up a ticket for Mrs. Merriman at the barrier. Then and there I had to buy a return ticket for her.

I was now given my first independent task. The Cape Government banked with the London & Westminster Bank and every year had to lodge with it more than two million pounds to meet the oversea commitments for debt charges and railway materials. Sir Edgar Walton, the previous Treasurer, had been in the habit of purchasing the necessary exchange at ten shillings

per cent. Merriman told me to see whether I could not do better than that. I approached De Beers and the Imperial Army authorities and managed to arrange for the great part of the money required at par. The small remainder I got the banks to tender for and this was done at three-sixteenths. It is an easy calculation to find that this operation saved the taxpayer some £10,000 per annum.

Merriman and Sauer were the only members of the Cabinet who had had previous experience of office. This led to one curious episode. An Executive Council minute concerning a death sentence only contains the reports of the presiding judge and of the attorney-general, and Ministers do not add any written comment. It would certainly be unfortunate if, when these minutes become available for consultation after the prescribed number of years, that the views of each member of the Cabinet should become known. One Minister was ignorant of this and disregarded the old rule. The same Minister had a dandy of a private secretary, always impeccably dressed, who went by the soubriquet of 'The Scent Bottle' or rather by its equivalent in Afrikaans. At that time Harrison, the old Westminster, Cambridge and England soccer player, was clerk to the Executive Council. He had taken a violent dislike to this private secretary, and one morning when he brought the minutes from his chief, Harrison felt that he could stand him no longer, seized him by the nose and pulled him round his office. The Minister reported this to the next Cabinet Meeting and demanded the instant dismissal of Harrison from the Civil Service for what, he said, amounted to a personal insult to himself. This created much amusement and his leg was severely pulled, especially by Sauer, who came to me and said "Lloyd, what have you private secretaries been doing to B——r?" Getting no satisfaction from his colleagues the Minister next sent a claim through his attorney for £500 damages. However, wiser counsels prevailed and the case never came to court, the Cape Town public being thereby deprived of a comedy it would have much enjoyed.

After a short session of Parliament we were off in May to the Railway and Customs Conference at Pretoria. On the journey I spent much of my time in Sauer's coach. He was suffering badly from asthma but throughout the journey McEwan of the C.G.R. and Owen Smith of the Customs were pumping facts and figures into him. Not a note was taken but it all came out again in the conference room a few days later—an amazing feat of memory. Besides the delegates from the four Colonies, Rhodesia and Portuguese East Africa, only Dr. Bok, Toby Berrange and myself were allowed to be present at the discussions, so that I am one of the three still living who were privileged to be present when the first steps towards Union were taken. Amongst the subjects discussed at this Conference was the Mozambique Convention. Col. Freer D'Andrade and the other members of the Portuguese delegation

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spoke in French and I have a clear recollection of the blank faces of the Natal Ministers who obviously did not understand a word of what was being said, though the Convention concerned them more than any. Sir Francis Newton speaking for Rhodesia, was the one fluent French speaker among the British delegates, though Gen. Smuts and Mr. Merriman made halting attempts. It was soon found that no agreement could be reached on railway and customs matters and the real work of the Conference began—the framing of the Resolutions, moved by Mr. Merriman, calling for the National Convention. When the text of these was agreed Merriman gave me a signal and I slipped out of the room and got on the long distance telephone to Albert Cartwright in Johannesburg, read to him the Resolutions and asked him to telegraph them to Sir Maitland Park in Cape Town. Thus the news reached the Cape public two hours before it was released by Reuter. As a result of this several newspapers invited me to be their correspondent at the National Convention itself. I protested that I should know too much that was secret and would be unable to send anything worth while. And so it proved, for though Merriman arranged with Philipson Stow, editor of the *South African News*, for me to be appointed its special correspondent, I was unable to send anything at all.

Government House in Pretoria is some six miles from the centre of the town and transport was not so easy in 1908 as it is to-day. To get to the reception given by Lord Selborne to the Delegates General Smuts lent me a Cape cart with six white mules. Sir Meiring Beck and Sir Antonie Viljoen, two of the Cape advisers, accompanied me and when our cortège arrived at Government House it created some sensation. General Botha lent us his railway coach for the return journey. The luxury of it was a revelation to the poor relations from the Cape. I counted fourteen different kinds of liqueur in the pantry and there was a chicken run, but most marvellous of all in those days, a bathroom.

The Parliament which was elected in April was one of several sessions occupied almost entirely with financial measures, the Light Wine Bill and, in the later stages, the draft Act of Union. Many still remember the excitement caused by the introduction of the Wine Bill. Merriman's speeches on the unholy alliance of 'beer and the Bible, Bung and the Bishop' caused amusement as well as resentment. There was a monster deputation of clergy of all denominations from Catholic to Baptist. While it was interviewing Merriman and high words were flying around, Harry Currey and I wickedly changed all the clerical hats, but whether the confusion of headgear led to confusion of doctrine in the pulpit on the following Sunday I never learned. Divisions on the clauses of the bill in the House were very close. From the floor of the old Cape Assembly heads could not be counted but from the Private Secretaries' gallery all could be seen. As the Tellers were counting I signalled to Merriman what his majority was. In one division, however, there

was a tie and the only way in which I could be sure of making my signal understood was to divest myself of necktie and hang it up for the Cabinet to see.

Merriman himself called the heavy taxation and retrenchment necessitated by the struggle to balance the budget, cruel. He became the most hated man in Cape Town and one of my tasks was to see that none of the threatening, abusive and scurrilous letters got through—especially those cowardly ones addressed to Mrs. Merriman.

At the Pretoria Conference Merriman had been asked to act as the convenor of the National Convention at Durban. This, of course, gave me plenty of work in arranging for the accommodation of the Cape Delegation. I was instructed, in particular, to do all I could for Dr. Jameson, and I succeeded in getting a house, cook and domestic staff for him and for Sir Thomas Smartt and Sir Edgar Walton who were to share it.

Correspondence in those five months before setting out for Durban was particularly heavy. Smuts and Merriman were studying the constitutions of many countries and were exchanging letters containing their ideas on what would be suitable for South Africa. These letters had to be sent on to ex-President Steyn and Sir Henry de Villiers whose comments, in turn, had to be circulated. A credit was opened for me at the Standard Bank in Durban, of which Merriman's brother Jim was then the manager, for I was to keep the purse. Merriman's services cost the taxpayer nothing; the most expensive Cape delegate, with his secretary, cost £104 while the lowest cost of any Transvaal delegate with his entourage amounted to £700. I do not propose to say anything of the political happenings during the three meetings of the Convention beyond making one thing plain. Several historians and critics have noted the likeness of the South African to the New Zealand constitution, but have said that there is no evidence that it had been studied or taken as a model by the delegates. I should therefore like to put on record that my first task at Durban was to get fifty copies of the New Zealand Act printed at the Natal Railway Printing Works and circulated to the Members of the Convention.

The Natal Government and everyone in Durban was extremely hospitable. Even the cigars were kept in the drier climate of Ladysmith to ensure their condition and brought down as wanted for our delectation. A railway train was put at our disposal at week-ends and I was often told by Merriman to take a party to Zululand, the South Coast or elsewhere. A day at the Trappist Monastery at Mariannhill was particularly enjoyable. Monks and Nuns alike were given dispensation from their vows of silence for the day, and, the latter, in particular, took the very fullest advantage of this. While the others in the party lunched with the Abbot, Sir Thomas Smartt and I were the guests of the Nuns. They gave us wine of their own making, showed us

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examples of their needle-painting and took us to see seven albino Zulu girls making garments for the Chinese labourers on the Rand. So struck was I with all that I saw that when, in after months, rival applications for mission sites in the Transkei had to be dealt with, I lent the little support I could give to the Trappist request.

Amongst the diversions planned for us was a whaling trip. When the day arrived a heavy sea was running and Merriman was one of the very few to dare the elements. Of course I had to go too, for my stock would have fallen very low had I ever shown any lack of appreciation of a boisterous sea.

Sir Percy Scott and General Botha were undoubtedly the favourites of the Durban crowd. The former had taken the big naval guns up to Ladysmith nine years before and was now in command of the visiting cruiser squadron. General Botha was not then fluent in English as he afterwards became and spoke in Afrikaans at the Civic dinner. He told the Durban folk that while besieging Ladysmith he had promised himself that he would come down to their town to eat bananas. This quip greatly pleased the assemblage.

At the Durban Club, where we were lodged, Sauer, Meiring Beck, Berrange and I shared a table. One evening, while we were at dinner, a cypher telegram came for Sauer which was quickly decoded by Berrange and myself who almost knew the codebook by heart. It was from McEwan, general manager of the Railways, and gave the good news that weekly receipts were up for the first time in four years. "Don't you think we should have some wine" said Sauer. Champagne was quickly ordered and we were treated to a lyrical description of the ladies he had met during a youthful visit to Buda Pest.

There are two other incidents connected with the Act of Union that must be told. When the Draft Act came before the Cape House there were only two dissentient voices—those of W. P. Schreiner and Sir Gordon Sprigg. They stood together at the cross benches like a great mastiff and a Skye terrier, Schreiner with his hand on little Sprigg's shoulder, shouting a stentorian 'No' almost drowning the feeble bark of his fellow independent.

King Edward VII entertained the joint delegation which took the Draft Act to England to luncheon at Buckingham Palace, where the guests were seated at small tables. The King was very partial to the 'stories' of Hull and arranged that he, together with Merriman as Prime Minister of the senior colony and Mrs. Merriman, should be seated at his table. The famous gold plate was in use and during the meal Hull suggested to Mrs. Merriman in Afrikaans that she should slip one of the spoons into her handbag. The King, thinking that he was missing one of Hull's funny tales, leaned across to Mrs. Merriman and asked what he had said, to her utter confusion. She never forgave Hull for the predicament in which she was placed.

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THOMAS PRINGLE AND SIR WALTER SCOTT

Considering the important part played by Scotsmen in the history of our country it is not surprising that in the Manuscript Division of the National Library of Scotland there should be a number of documents of South African interest. Among the most interesting of these are letters by Thomas Pringle, the poet (1789-1834), who came to the Cape as leader of a party of 1820 settlers and stayed to become one of our first librarians and the editor of our first literary periodical, *The South African Journal*. Full details of his experiences are given in his *Narrative of a residence in South Africa*, and also in Wm. Hay's *Thomas Pringle, his life, times, and poems*, Cape Town, 1912. His acquaintance with Scott does not appear to have been a very close one, judging from the attention paid to it by the latter's biographers, but there is no doubt that on more than one occasion Sir Walter exerted his influence on behalf of the Pringle family and that it was through him that they were accepted for a free passage under the Government's emigration scheme.

The South African Library has obtained a microfilm of six Pringle letters of particular interest. Of these the first five in order of writing are to Scott and the last to Sir George Steuart Mackenzie, Bart. (1780-1848), a noted mineralogist. They were written between Feb. 5th, 1820, on the eve of departure for the Cape, and June 25th, 1823, when Pringle was Assistant Librarian at the South African Library. All except Letter 2 were formerly in the collection of the late Sir Hugh Walpole whence they have come recently to the National Library of Scotland, to whom we are indebted for their reproduction here.

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LETTERS OF THOMAS PRINGLE TO SIR WALTER SCOTT

Letter 1.

Walter Scott Esq.

Castle St.

Edinburgh.

Deptford, Feb. 5, 1820.

Dear Sir,

We have been detained in London by the late severe frosts and other accidents till two days ago when we embarked here, and now are positively ordered to sail to-morrow.¹ The delay has been very inconvenient and vexatious to us but there is no help for it. I am happy to say that we have got a good ship a good Captain & good accommodation & find ourselves more comfortable than we could have [anticipated]. Our vessel is the *Brilliant* transport (Capt. Bothwell) of 330 tons. We carry out the Government Agent² with us & touch at Cape Town.

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In regard to other matters, I have got letters from Mr. Barrow³ and others to the Colonial Secretary & to other individuals of influence. Mr. Barrow also told me that he & Mr. Croker⁴ had got Mr. Goulburn⁵ to promise a letter of introduction for me to the Governor from the Colonial Office. It has not yet been sent in to me but may perhaps to-morrow before we sail. When you arrive in London and forward the packet you so kindly promised it may be addressed to the care of Mr. Ellis⁶ the Colonial Secretary, with whom I shall leave directions respecting it.

I have only to add my best wishes & kindest adieus. I have left a small packet for you at Longman & Co's which will be forwarded to Edinburgh. It contains some trifling curiosities for your antiquarian repository. When I reach Africa I shall remember your armoury & the lion skins.⁷

Farewell again Dear Sir—When I forget you I shall have forgotten my country & my fathers house. May God long preserve you in health & happiness—beloved by your country & honoured by your king.⁸ I am always & everywhere yours faithfully & truly

Tho. Pringle.

Notes to Letter 1.

³Actually the ship did not sail until Feb. 15. (*Narrative*).

⁴Lt. Pritchard, R.N., agent for transports. (*C.T. Gazette*, May 6, 1820).

⁵Afterwards Sir John Barrow, formerly of the Cape, and then Second Secretary to the Admiralty.

⁶John Wilson Croker, politician and essayist, Secretary to the Admiralty, 1809-30.

⁷Henry Goulburn, Under-Secretary for War and the Colonies, 1812-21, in the Earl of Liverpool's administration.

⁸Henry Ellis, Deputy Colonial Secretary and Commissioner of the Stamp Office at the Cape, 1819-22.

⁹Scott bought Abbotsford in 1812 and for the next ten years did much to enlarge and enhance it. Not his least interest was the armoury where he built up a varied collection. Knowing his antiquarian interests people were always sending him curios. (See Stephen Gwynn's *Life of Sir Walter Scott*, pp. 250, 251, 293.)

¹⁰The apparant discrepancy between this apostrophe and the simple address of the letter is accounted for by the fact that while Scott received intimation of the intention to give him a baronetcy late in 1818, circumstances postponed the actual conferring of the title until March 30, 1820.

Letter 2.

P.S. My address is "to the Care of Mr. Hart, Somerset Farm, Grahams-town."¹¹ I have picked up some Bosjieman arrows &c, & hope ere long to make up a parcel of something for your armoury. T.P.

Sir Walter Scott, Baronet
 Abbotsford
 Melrose
 Scotland

Somerset Farm, Cape of Good Hope
 Sept. 22, 1820.

Dear Sir

I have now been upwards of three months resident in the interior of this Colony, & finding at this place, when I arrived a few days ago on a visit, a safe conveyance I gladly avail myself of it to give you some account of my adventures & prospects in this quarter of the world.

We had a pleasant & prosperous voyage of ten weeks to Simons Bay² from which I rode up to Cape Town & delivered my letters of introduction &c. Lord Charles Somerset having left the Colony my letter to him from Mr. Goulburn could not be opened & was consequently returned to England.³ The Acting Governor Sir R. S. Donkin & Mr. Ellis the Deputy Colonial Secretary were in the interior. The transport soon after proceeded with us to Algoa Bay, where we were detained, ten days on board & three weeks ashore, before the spot of our location was settled. The Governor & Mr. Ellis at length arrived & I had the honour of an audience & got our destination fixed. To Mr. Ellis I had letters from Mr. Barrow & other gentlemen, & I put into the Governor's hands the last letter with which you favoured me before leaving England. This apparently made a very favourable impression & I recd. assurances of friendship & good will both in regard to the wishes of the party & my own personal views.

Agreeably to the views of Government in arranging the natives of the 3 British nations in separate divisions, I & my party were forwarded to Roode Wall⁴ a military post on the Gt. Fish River about 100 miles above Grahams-town. Here other waggons met us from our own district & with them we proceeded to our location. The spot assigned to us by the Landdrost is at the source of the Bavian's River (to which the Governor has been pleased to give the new name of *Teviotdale*⁵); this stream is about forty miles in length & falls into the Gt. Fish River from the Caffer side a little above Roode Wall. It formerly formed the boundary of the Colony in this direction, but in consequence of the accession of territory at the close of the late war⁶ it is now sixty or seventy miles from the Caffer Frontier, between which & us, upon the Koonap & Katt rivers are to be placed the Highland Emigrants under Captain Grant & General Campbell.⁷ These latter have not however yet arrived & we are consequently the only British Party in this quarter.—The road up the Bavian's River, the only one yet open to our location is exceedingly bad. Indeed through the upper half of it we had to *hew* our way over bank and brake, no waggon having for several years tracked[?] a passage in this direction. It was formerly partially occupied by Boors, but being all

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concerned in the rebellion against Government a few years ago^a the most of them were killed and their families dispossessed of their farms—which are now surveyed and laid out for Scottish settlers. At the upper end of this Glen is our location. We took no less than five days in pushing our seven waggons over the last thirty miles, so bad was the road—crossing the bed of the torrent river no less than 27 times on our way—& having sometimes 30 oxen yoked in one waggon in dragging our heavy luggage over the hills & rocky gullies. The scenery is in many places grand & picturesque & (excepting the very different aspect of vegetable nature) not unlike some of our rugged Highland Glens. Every now & then the hills recede a little & leave some rich tracts of valley land on the banks, covered with scattered mimosa trees & evergreen bushes. The hills are in some parts masses of naked rock but more generally covered with tufted grass & scattered shrubs. In one of the extensive Kloofs as they call them that runs off to the Eastward is an extensive and impenetrable forest of native timber—the only forest indeed in this quarter of the Colony. But this we have not yet seen, being distant from our route.

Before our arrival at our destination the Deputy Landdrost (an Englishman)^o met us & gave us possession of the soil. Observing the smallness of the party he advised me to apply for military protection at least till the arrival of more settlers, as the position we occupy is peculiarly exposed to the depredations of both Caffers & Bosjiemen, & in the meanwhile he sent us a few armed Hottentots who have been of infinite service to us. The Govern^t. approved of the measure & the Hottentots will remain under my orders. We have seen some Bosjiemen on the hills & the Caffers have repeatedly carried off cattle from Boors in our neighbourhood, but we have hitherto remained unmolested. For greater security we have erected our huts & Cattle Kraals together for the present, & we mount regular sentinels every night besides the Hottentot watch. Our vigilance & union I believe have proved our safety. When the country is better settled this insecurity will vanish to a certain extent but from the position we occupy among the desert mountains we shall never be (at least for some generations) entirely removed from the state of Borderers. Excepting this point & the execrable roads we are very well satisfied with our location. Cultivation indeed cannot be possibly pursued to any great extent, but united with the advantages of pasturage which we enjoy it may in time afford very comfortable subsistence. Our valley land is in general very rich, but as the water is scanty & can only be led over a very limited portion of it (& without irrigation corn cannot be raised in this quarter of the Colony) our agricultural operations cannot be very extensive. Indeed until the road up the river is either effectually repaired or a route found out to Grahamstown, we can make no use of our surplus produce. I have stated this circumstance to Government & the Governor with his usual attention has offered us another location further down the

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river if I shall judge it more advantageous. I have in consequence come here to get Mr. Hart the Superintendent of the Establishment to assist me in surveying it. I also made application through Mr. Ellis for an additional grant of land, finding the 500 acres that fall to the share of myself and my father's family too small in this position, particularly if we are joined as I fully expect by other two of my brothers. This application has also been graciously attended to & about 1000 acres more have been allowed me, chiefly pasturage indeed, but containing 50 or 60 acres of fine arable land with a small vineyard upon it.

Now, as it unluckily happened that my elder brother William could not so arrange his affairs & [i.e. as] to come out with us, & as I fear the expenses of the passage will completely prohibit his accession to our party, particularly as he will have a wife and sisters to bring along with him, may I request your friendly offices in his behalf with those in power. If he could be also allowed to bring one man (a Blacksmith) along with him, passage found, it would be a most important favour—for being at a distance from the other settlers & no Blacksmith with us & none within 60 miles, we are greatly at a loss & often stopped in many operations. If more settlers are to be sent out by Government perhaps my brother & family might be placed during the passage & till his junction here with any other party agreeable to Government—If no more parties are sent *free*, perhaps there may be still some chance that my brother & his wife at least might be favoured with their passage upon the matter being represented & the disappointment resulting to all parties if their request is denied.¹⁰ A passage either to Cape Town or Algoa Bay is all required. His expenses up the country & settlement here I can engage for myself. My other brother from America¹¹ I am daily looking for. When these accessions have taken place we shall be very comfortable, in mutual aid & intercourse.

In regard to myself, when my duties in the interior are closed, Mr. Ellis thinks that either the charge of a Public Library which is to be set afoot¹² [or] something similar may be rendered available for me at Cape Town.

Upon the whole, notwithstanding the fatigues difficulties & privations to which my friends & myself have been exposed we find ourselves much more comfortable than we could have anticipated in so short a time. Our *Hartebeest Huts* as they call them here (being entirely composed of willow trees covered with reeds without side walls) are both roomy and neat. Our gardens are plentifully stocked with potatoes, Indian corn, pomkins & melons, besides the usual English garden seeds, all thriving well—& we have irrigated ploughed & sown about 20 acres (altogether) of wheat & oats which promise an abundant crop, greatly more than sufficient for next year's subsistence. Our cattle are not yet numerous, amounting only to a dozen draught oxen and about 30 cows with a few sheep & goats—but we are gradually increasing

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our stock at very moderate prices. In English money the current prices in this quarter are for best draught bullocks 30/ best cows 25/ good sheep 5/, goats from 2/ to 4/. Saddle horses from £3 to 15£. Wheat costs from 18/ to 20/ per muid i.e. $3\frac{1}{2}$ winchester bushels¹³,

Being on the borders of Cafferland our grounds abound with game & beasts of prey rather more than is agreeable. Lions are numerous being attracted by the numerous herds of Quaggas (the wild ass of scripture probably) which frequent the hills around us. Unless attacked or provoked however the lion will scarcely attack a man and we have started several who have quietly retired—Once or twice they came close to our tents at night but did nothing worse than frighten our women and children. On being saluted with a shot or two they retreated. The lion is never the less far more formidable than the tiger (contrary to the opinion of a late intelligent writer in the Quarterly Review who must have been misinformed in that point¹⁴). Our neighbours relate several fatal accidents from lions but I have only heard of one from a tiger. The latter if he cannot escape you will make a spring, strike at the foe with his paws as a cat would do & then scamper off. He is in fact a very different animal from the Tiger of India—being the Leopard of Naturalists & is neither large nor strong. The lion is a very different animal & when enraged is truly terrific. These two are the only animals we are the least apprehensive of. The wolves & hyenas visit us almost every night but they are the most arrant cowards in existence. Luckily there are neither Elephants nor Rhinoceros in our valley tho' they abound on the Katt river 30 or 40 miles eastward. They are reckoned very destructive animals & are far more dreaded by the boors than the lions or leopards. The writer I formerly alluded to is very much mistaken in the estimate he gives of their size & numbers in this quarter. Several English officers have told me that they have seen often several hundreds of Elephants in a herd in the lower part of the Zuureveld & have themselves killed several fully 14 feet high.

Though thus remotely situated we are not so utterly without good society as might be conjectured. The two officers *here* with their families & those at Roode Wall are all agreeable and worthy people, and our Deputy Landdrost Capt. Harding is a very intelligent & agreeable man. Our Clergyman who resides at Cradock also is an Englishman.¹⁵ They are rather distant indeed for neighbours being 40 miles from us but distance is little thought of in this country & our horses are fleet & hardy.

Your goodness I hope will excuse the trouble I put you to in this application for my brother which is so important to our comfort & welfare. Should you wish to see him you may address to the care of Mr. Joppling, Coldstream. Hoping to have the favour of a letter as soon as you find con-

venient, & with best compts. to Lady Scott & family I remain with unfailing
& grateful regard Dear Sir Yours truly

Tho. Pringle.

Notes to Letter 2.

¹Now Somerset East. The farm was a large government establishment. Mr. Robert Hart as a subaltern accompanied Barrow on his military expedition to the frontier in 1799. He was later adjutant of the Cape Corps.

²April 30th 1820.

³The Governor had sailed for England a few weeks earlier.

⁴Roodewal—now Cookhouse.

⁵The name of that part of Roxburghshire whence the Pringle Party came. It was later renamed Glen Lynden however, the name which persists to-day, 18 miles from Bedford, C.P. They arrived there on the 29th June.

⁶The 5th Kaffir War, 1818-19, which fixed a neutral area between the Great Fish and the Keiskama rivers.

⁷In his *Narrative* Pringle says that this party entirely abandoned its intention of emigrating.

⁸The Slachter's Nek Rebellion, 1815.

⁹Captain W. W. Harding.

¹⁰This would appear to be careless writing by T.P. The sentence should obviously conclude with such words as: "in some measure reduced".

¹¹One of T.P.'s brothers had already emigrated to the U.S.A.

¹²Though established by proclamation in 1818, the South African Public Library did not open its doors to the public until January 1822.

¹³The Winchester bushel—still used in America—is a little smaller than the imperial bushel.

¹⁴*Quarterly Review*, vol. 22, p. 237-239, Nov. 1819. The article, unsigned, reviews eight books dealing with the Cape in the light of the government settlement scheme. The writer's remarks on wild beasts would appear to be based on Latrobe's *Journal*.

¹⁵The Rev. J. Evans was minister at Cradock at this time. (*African Court Calendar*).

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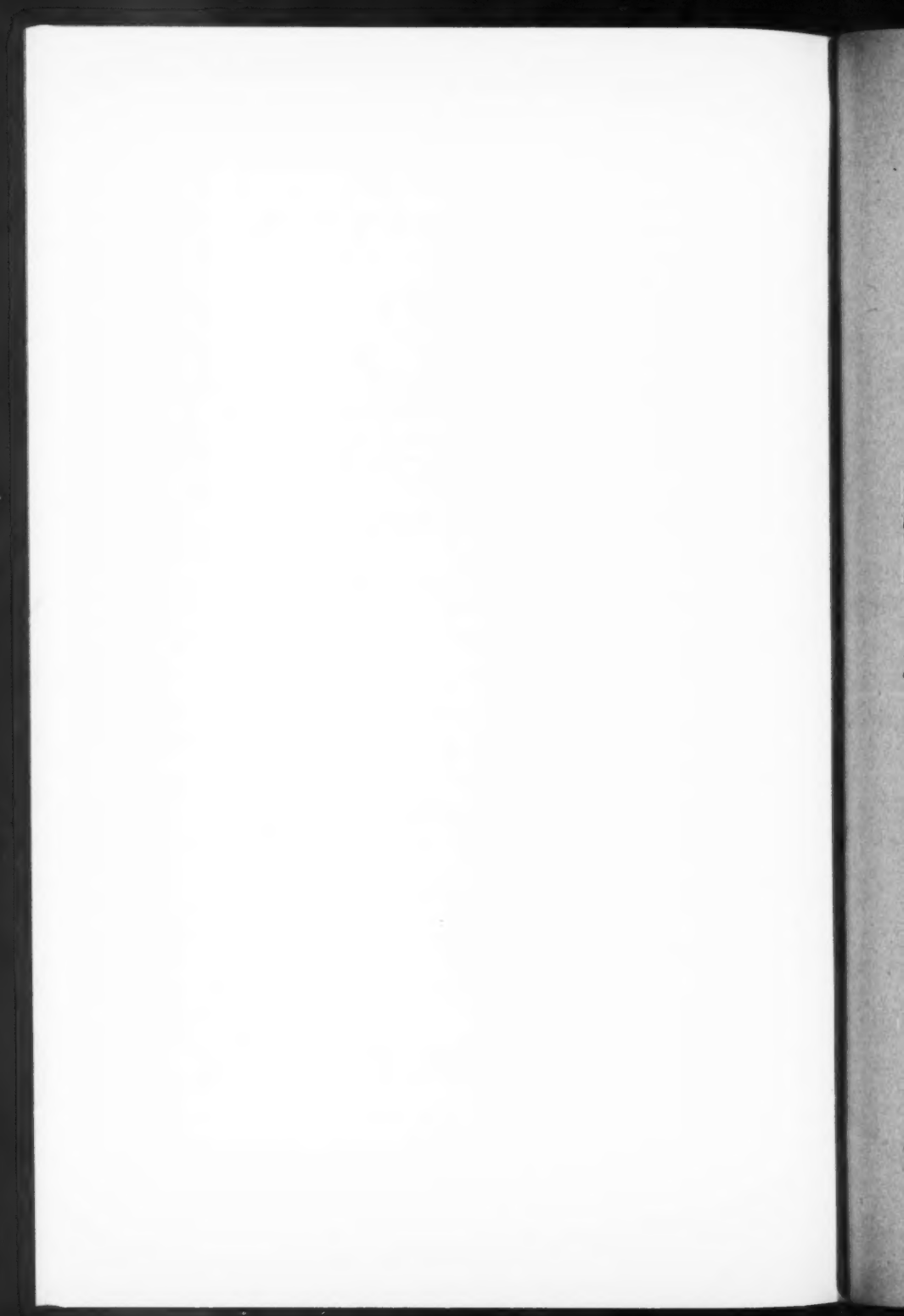
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